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Valuation and Appropriations.

Polls, (1019)	\$101,900 00
Buildings and Land,	1,090,036 00
Factories and Machinery,	107,270 00
Horses, (367)	25,536 00
Oxen, (96)	5,214 00
Cows, (325)	8,058 00
Other neat stock, over 18 months old, (150)	2,332 00
Sheep, (202)	784 00
Hogs, (51)	404 00
Carriages, (90)	7,458 00
Stock in public funds,	5,200 00
Stock in banks and other corporations,	102,422 00
Value of stock in corporations out of the state,	1,000 00
Money on hand, at interest and on deposit.	63,200 00
Stock in trade,	128,272 00
Steamboats,	7,000 00
Scholars—Boys, 320.	
Girls, 340.	
Soldiers—759.	
Dogs—204.	

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax,	\$3,944 00
County tax,	5,928 33
Schools,	4,451 00
Firemen,	1,240 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00
Support of poor,	500 00
Library,	1,000 00
Current expenses,	3,000 00
" " precinct,	700 00
Highways,	2,500 00

\$23,363 33

School House tax, District No. 1.	\$1,000 00
" " " " " 3.	75 00
" " " " " 4.	50 00

	\$1,125 00

RATES OF TAXATION.

State, county, town, highway and school tax.	\$15 00 per thousand.
School house tax, District No. 1.	70 "
" " " " 3.	90 "
" " " " 4.	88 "

Exempt from taxation by vote of town, \$25,150 00.

Treasurer's Report.

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1883.

ORRAN W. TIBBETTS, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Laco-nia:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, March 1st, 1882.	\$3,190 65
Cash from F. W. Reeves, collector's list of 1881.	833 50
John H. Robinson, " " 1881.	71 61
S. C. Robinson. " " 1882.	20.600 00
John H. Robinson. " " 1882.	2.646 00
Insurance tax.	31 87
Railroad tax.	1.633 73
Savings Bank tax.	4.424 19
Literary fund.	243 80
John W. Ashman, billiard licenses.	42 50
S. J. Lamprey, licenses.	54 00
William F. Cliford, money hired.	400 00
William J. Morrison. "	400 00
M. Emma Sanborn. "	500 00
Horace Whitcher. "	2,000 00
Mary S. Whicher. "	1,000 00
Nellie Whicher. "	1,000 00
Belknap Savings Bank. "	1,000 00
D. O. Burleigh, land damage awarded Mrs. Mary E. Osgood, the same be- ing refused,	323 17
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	\$40,395 02

EXPENDITURES.

Paid county tax for 1882,	\$5,928 33
Library " "	1,000 00
State " "	3,944 00
Overseer of poor for 1882,	342 18

Paid Decorating soldiers' graves,	\$100 00
School Dist. No. 1, Special repairs,	1,000 00
" " " 3, " "	75 00
" " " 4, " "	50 00

SCHOOL ORDERS.

Paid district No. 1,	\$4,187 76
" " 3,	296 25
" " 4,	221 93
" " 5,	123 30
	—————
	\$4,829 24

INTEREST PAID ON NOTES.

Harriet Gale,	48 59
S. J. Shepard,	74 80
Nathaniel Edwards,	40 00
Harriet K. Tebbetts,	15 00
Mary W. Young,	16 00
Thomas F. Page,	9 32
Martha A. Smith,	22 72
Wm. F. Clifford,	30 56
Clarinda S. Clark,	222 59
S. C. Robinson,	87 65
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	\$567 23

NOTES PAID.

T. F. Page, note No. 41 and 48,	\$200 00
Martha A. Smth, " 35,	166 12
Wm. F. Clifford, " 46,	325 00
Clarinda S. Clark, " 30 in part,	777 41
S. C. Robinson, " 34,	579 80
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	\$2,048 33

BREAKING ROADS.

Spring, 1882. Winter, 1882-83, to Mar. 1.	
District No. 1, \$27 70,	\$423 04
" " 7, 46 13,	79 50
" " 8, 9 51,	128 08
" " 9, 9 00,	50 31
" " 10,	104 47
" " 11, 9 90,	86 95
" " 12, 14 80,	132 24

District No. 13.	\$4 50.	\$47 18
" " 14.		56 62
" " 15.	5 25.	25 20
" " 16.		35 10
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	\$126 79	\$1,168 69
		\$1,295 48

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

G. Cook & Son, lumber.	\$254 79
J. J. Sanborn, Weirs new bridge.	2,723 64
D. B. Story, new highway at Weirs.	278 71
John Chattel, " "	16 25
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P. C. Smith, surveyor Dist. No. 1, grade and labor,	\$21 95
D. O. Burleigh, agent Dist. No. 1, (see his report)	1,881 12
J. Frank Crockett, Dist. No. 7, work done in fall 1881,	125 70
I. D. Head, District No. 7,	66 00
Seth Flanders, " 8,	78 02
John C. Folsom, " 9,	28 45
Jos. P. Pitman, " 10,	42 70
John H. Robinson, " 11,	4 60
G. W. Thompson, " "	87 41
H. M. Sargent, " 12,	117 55
John Batchelder, " 13,	23 85
D. B. Story, " 14,	125 08
John Watson, " 15,	34 86
S. C. Moore, " 16,	80 04
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	\$2,717 33

PAID FOR PRECINCT CURRENT EXPENSES.

O. L. Andrews, superintendent of fire alarm, 6 months,	\$25 00
Chas. Conner, labor,	3 00
Marshall Bros., supplies,	19 41
F. H. Champlin, six months care fire alarm, supplies, &c.,	48 21
E. E. Cutting, labor,	9 50
F. H. Coffin, printing,	3 75
Alfred Smith, for fire department,	45 79
D. F. Coak, supplies,	7 50

T. F. Ford, labor.	\$2 00
Geo. E. Chase, fire alarm.	15 00
Geo. F. Mullard, supplies.	2 35
A. C. Leavitt & Son, wood and coal.	59 59
A. C. Leavitt, Agt., freight.	6 06
M. A. Fernald, board.	1 25
James Boyd & Sons, repairing hose.	10 75
E. E. Cutting, labor.	8 40
James Judkins, labor and cash paid out.	12 40
Silsby Mfg Co., heater and labor.	242 70
J. W. Busiel & Co., waste.	2 02
O. L. Andrews, labor.	2 50
John H. Boardman, labor.	23 00
F. P. Stewart, horse hire.	50
E. E. Cutting, labor.	7 40
Boston Dyewood & Chemical Co., supplies.	22 43
A. C. Leavitt, Agent, freight.	1 40
Chas. Williams, Jr., supplies.	6 25
Fred B. Busiel, labor on steamer.	9 00
T. F. Ford, labor.	5 03
E. B. Harrington, wood.	3 25
Mrs. N. Johnson, Jr., blank books.	1 00
Truland Bros., printing precinct report.	15 00
Fuller, Dana & Fitz, supplies.	15 29
James Judkins, labor.	5 00
F. B. Busiel, labor on steamer.	35 60
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies.	14 23
C. B. S. Watson, team and self, firemen's parade.	3 00
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas for engine house.	27 50
Marshall Bros., blue vitriol.	11 55
William Haynes, use of horses.	4 00
F. A. Durrell, labor and cash paid out.	4 80
Laconia Car Co., forging on hose carriage.	24 62
T. F. Ford, labor.	2 60
Geo. L. Mead, supplies.	3 14
John Edwards, labor on engine house.	26 24
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	\$799 66

PAID FIREMEN.

Steamer Co., town pay to Jan. 1, 1883.	\$300 00
" State "	45 00
Reliance Hose Co., town pay to Jan. 1, 1883.	300 00
" State "	45 00
Hook & Ladder, town pay to Jan. 1, 1883.	400 00
" State "	60 00
Torrent Engine Co., State pay.	28 13
	1.178 13

PAID CURRENT EXPENSES.

P. C. Smith, writing desk and lamps.	53 00
L. M. Pike, two iron kettles.	4 00
Mary W. Glidden, land damage.	15 00
Laconia Gas Light Co., street lights.	48 96
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights.	17 50
Geo. H. Silsby & Son, blank books.	14 50
John Smith, damage to sheep by dogs.	3 75
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights.	17 50
S. D. Glidden, blacksmith work.	6 60
H. E. Mace, M. D., return of births and deaths.	3 00
S. W. Sanders, tile pipe.	110 40
Seth Flanders, damage to sheep by dogs.	34 00
B. Munsey, M. D., return of births and deaths.	25
A. W. Abbott, M. D.,	3 00
E. G. Wilson,	1 25
Geo. L. Mason,	1 75
D. B. Nelson,	1 25
T. S. Foster,	2 00
A. Lindsay,	2 50
N. L. True,	10 00
H. C. Wells,	3 00
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights.	17 50
Laconia Gas Light Co., street lights.	73 52
John W. Ashman, copying.	5 00
John C. Moulton, land damages.	5,900 00
Truland Bros., printing.	7 75
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights.	17 00
John H. Robinson, hay.	42 04

M. R. Marshall, grain.	\$28 01
L. C. Covell and R. H. Carter care of town clock 6 months,	25 00
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lamps,	18 00
Davis & Donagan, labor and expense setting stone water fountain,	20 00
James Munns & Co., pipes for granite trough,	10 00
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights,	17 50
Marshall Bros., supplies for water trough,	3 57
Marshall Bros., grain,	24 15
E. A. Paige, paint and labor water trough,	5 99
S. D. Glidden, blacksmith work,	13 53
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street lights,	93 00
E. J. Dinsmore, repairs and supplies,	11 55
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights,	17 50
D. O. Burleigh, land damage continuation of Bow- man street,	617 13
Geo. A. Leavitt, for straw,	5 92
S. D. Glidden, blacksmithing,	5 33
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights,	17 50
Gust Walker, pipe,	18 30
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street lights,	106 92
Morrill S. Swain, hay for team,	16 40
S. J. P. Hadley, damage crossing land to L. J. Kimball's,	10 00
Thos. Ham, surveying,	3 00
A. C. Leavitt & Son, wood and coal,	23 90
M. A. Dennett, repairs on cart,	3 50
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights,	17 50
C. W. Durrell, use of team 1880,	3 75
Marshall Bros., grain,	32 23
S. W. Sanders, tile pipe,	256 32
John F. Merrill, granite and labor,	10 31
S. A. Garland, damage to carriage,	2 50
Bristol Carriage Co., repairs and painting,	9 25
H. J. Crooker, blacksmithing and iron.	47 60
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights,	17 50
E. C. Covell and R. H. Carter, care town clock 6 months,	25 00

S. J. Lamprey, land damage new highway	Cooks' shop.	\$50 00
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing reports and check list, etc.,		83 75
D. O. Burleigh, land damage new highway to C. T. Week's,		27 00
Laconia Grist Mill Co., grain.		31 10
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights,		17 50
J. F. H. Watson, straw.		14 55
S. J. Lamprey, land damage new road at Weirs.		303 75
J. H. Warner, lithographing checks.		33 30
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas street lights, .		186 93
I. Fonda, pattern.		2 00
E. J. Dinsmore, supplies and labor.		5 58
Marshall Bros., grain.		24 75
Geo. L. Mead, supplies.		11 44
Mrs. E. J. Beaman, rent of office,		21 00
C. H. Lamprey, wood at lobby and selectmen's room,		9 12
M. R. Marshall, pumping water at trough, bank square and stable,		25 00
Marshall Bros., pumping water at water trough Court street.		10 00
Belknap Savings Bank, rent,		35 00
S. S. Jewett, rent of police court room,		45 00
L. S. Perley, surveying,		20 00
Wiggin & Co., supplies,		6 95
John Edwards, moving safe,		18 00
A. G. Folsom, rent of hall,		60 00
W. S. Thomas, labor at shop,		1 10
Mrs. N. Johnson, stationary,		5 59
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies,		50 34
David Blaisdell, water trough two years,		6 00
A. L. Morrison, horse hire,		6 75
Joseph Plumer, damage to horse and team,		75 00
Ladd & Keasor, supplies for street lights,		43 29
Warren D. Huse, labor and supplies on water trough,		34 48
D. B. Story, cash paid out,		47 39
S. J. Lamprey, cash paid out.		37 50

D. O. Burleigh, cash paid out,	\$12 23
L. G. Morgan, water trough,	3 00
J. R. Champlin, supplies and labor street lights,	11 30
Geo. H. Edwards, lighting street lights,	17 50
Jewell & Stone, legal services,	100 00

	29,386 76

TOWN OFFICERS.

E. A. Rowe, supervisor,	\$22 50
G. B. Lane, "	16 25
J. Fred Batchelder, supervisor,	22 50
P. C. Smith, selectman to March 1, '82,	5 00
Geo. L. Mead for board of education, services as school Com.,	60 00
Geo. L. Mead, auditor,	2 00
Wm. F. Knight, "	2 00
John W. Ashman, services as town clerk,	92 18
S. J. Lamprey, " selectman,	232 50
D. B. Story, " "	226 00
D. O. Burleigh, " "	125 00
James Judkins, police,	73 00
Seth D. Glidden, "	33 00
Frank Childs, special police, Gove's Point,	10 00
M. L. Staples, " " nights of Fair,	4 00
D. G. Burns, " " "	4 00
E. B. Harrington, " "	4 00
H. D. Judkins, " at Weirs,	5 00
E. A. Rowe, supervisor,	22 50
Geo. B. Lane, "	22 50
John H. Robinson, supervisor,	20 00
Lydia E. Warner, Supt. School Com.,	25 00
George E. Chase, health officer,	69 00
Freeman W. Ladd, overseer of poor,	75 00
John H. Robinson, collecting taxes,	50 00
S. C. Robinson, " "	250 00
O. W. Tebbetts, treasurer,	75 00

	\$1,547 93

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Town of Laconia in account with Freeman W. Ladd, Overseer of the Poor, to March 1, 1882:

Cash received of County of Belknap for support of county paupers,	\$451 07
Received of town treasurer,	342 18
	<hr/> \$793 25

Cash paid for outstanding bills to March 1, 1883, as follows:

N. L. True, medical aid to C. H. Horn family,	\$25 50
E. G. Wilson, " " " "	19 50
G. L. Mason, " " " "	51 50
Support of Mary A. Severance,	20 00
Cash paid for support of Mary F. Severance,	130 00
" Mrs. C. M. Stevens,	19 99
aid to transient poor,	2 00
T. S. Foster, medical aid to Mrs.	
Frank Snow,	16 50
H. E. Mace, medical aid to Mrs.	
Frank Snow,	5 00
board of Mrs. F. Snow,	28 00
aid to S. C. Taylor,	13 00
" E. G. Dow,	7 19
J. W. Ashman, for affidavits, &c.,	4 00
for support of County paupers,	451 07
	<hr/> \$793 25

F. W. LADD, Overseer of the Poor.

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts,	\$40,395 02
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DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	\$3,944 00
County tax,	5,928 33
Library tax,	1,000 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00
Special tax for repairs in School {	
Dis. Nos. 1, 3 and 4. }	1,125 00
School orders,	4,829 24

Interest on notes,	\$567 23
Notes paid,	2,048 33
Breaking roads,	1,295 48
Roads and bridges,	5,990 72
Pauper bills, (see overseer's report),	342 18
Current expenses,	9,386 76
" " precinct,	799 66
Firemen,	1,178 13
Town officers,	1,547 93
Cash in hands of treasurer,	312 03
	————— \$40,395 02

ORRAN W. TIBBETTS, Treasurer.

LACONIA, March 2, 1883.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN W. ASHMAN, {
CHAS. W. TYLER, {
Auditors.

Financial Condition of the Town March 1, 1883.

LIABILITIES.

Due Miss Cynthia W. Wilcomb, land damage,	\$31 50
Mrs. Elizabeth Nichols,	12 50
John L. Perley,	200 00
Mrs. Mary E. Osgood,	323 17
George Pitman or wife,	15 00
Benjamin Jewett,	25 00
Mrs. A. S. Gordon,	5 00
Mrs. R. M. Merrill,	1 00
Mrs. M. A. Kelley,	1 00
Kimball Cole,	15 00
J. D. Bartlett,	5 00
Mrs. Ruth Smith,	5 00
Miss Helen Whipple,	20 00
W. L. Thompson,	1 00
on notes,	13,523 09
on interest to March 1, 1883,	599 59
	————— \$14,782 85

NOTES OUTSTANDING.

		Amount.	Interest.
No. 27. Mary W. Young.	July 1, 1879.	\$100 00	2 67
29. Rhoda Smith.	" 5, "	315 00	48 77
30. Clarinda S. Clark.	" 11, "	850 59	12 73
31. Sarah J. Shepard.	" 11, "	850 00	56 66
32. Nath'l Edwards.	" 11, "	1,000 00	25 33
33. Judith Abbott.	" 11, "	575 00	61 16
36. Harriet Gale.	" 11, "	400 00	12 00
38. Rhoda Smith.	" 15, "	450 00	67 24
39. Jona. G. Dow.	" 15, "	385 50	56 20
40. Ira Leighton.	" 19, "	200 00	29 56
42. Clara E. Ames.	Aug. 6,	390 00	55 87
44. Eliza A. Ames.	" 6, "	432 00	63 02
45. John Smith.	" 29, "	500 00	71 60
47. Mary W. Young.	Sept. 8,	300 00	5 70
51. Ella A. Morrison.	Oct. 22,	100 00	12 65
54. Harriet K. Tebbetts.	July 5, 1882.	375 00	10 00
55. Wm. F. Clifford.	Dec. 19,	400 00	2 50
1. Wm. J. Morrison.	Feb. 5, 1883.	400 00	1 33
2. M. Emma Sanborn.	" 7, "	500 00	1 60
3. Horace Whicher.	" 7, "	1,000 00	3 00
4. " "	March 2,	1,000 00	
5. Nellie Whicher.	" 2,	1,000 00	
6. Mary S. Whicher.	" 2,	1,000 00	
Belknap Savings Bank.	" 2,	1,000 00	
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		\$13,523 09	\$599 59

ASSETS.

Due from A. Thompson as per list report.	\$54 59
57 shares B., C. & M. R. R. stock,	570 00
Stable and shed on Water street,	375 00
Land on Water street,	800 00
1 pair of horses.	500 00
Cart, harnesses, blankets, etc.,	150 00
Stone-lifter,	25 00
Due from town of Moultonborough for aid to Charles H. Horn.	166 34
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	\$2,640 93

S. C. Robinson's tax list of 1882.	\$22,982 20
Interest collected.	31 47
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	\$23,013 67
Less 5 per cent. discount on taxes paid before July 1, 1882.	716 95
Less 2 per cent. discount on taxes paid before Sept. 1, 1882.	44 30
Less abatements,	260 63
Paid treasurer.	20,600 00
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	\$21,621 88
Balance due town from collector.	\$1,391 79
John H. Robinson's tax list of 1882.	\$2,871 84
Interest collected.	3 33
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	\$2,875 17
Less 5 per cent. discount on taxes paid before July 1, 1882.	86 94
Less 2 per cent. discount on taxes paid before Sept. 1, 1882.	2 81
Abatements,	58 82
Paid treasurer.	2,046 00
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	\$2,794 57
Balance due town from collector.	\$80 60
Cash in hands of treasurer.	312 03
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Schedule of all discounts on file.	\$4,425 35
Liabilities March 1, 1883.	\$14,782 85
Less assets,	4,425 35
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Total liabilities March 1, 1883.	\$10,357 50
S. J. LAMPREY, } Selectmen D. B. STORY, } of D. O. BURLEIGH, } Laconia.	

LACONIA, N. H., March 2, 1883.

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JOHN W. ASHMAN, }
C. W. TYLER, } Auditors.

Annual Statement

OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF HIGHWAY DIST.
No. 1.

Recd. from Town treasurer,		\$2,304 16
J. S. Howe, for brick and stone,	\$3 00	
George E. Hull, for street waste,	10 00	
N. L. True, for use of drills,	2 00	
J. Gilbert, for street waste,	2 00	
L. F. Busiel. "	3 00	
H. L. Wilkinson. "	1 80	
John Edwards. "	7 00	
George H. Edwards, old plank	1 50	
Lyman Dippy. "	2 00	
Frank Truland, for old brick.	3 20	
Mrs. W. Lovell, for manure,	10 50	
C. L. Moore, for use of scraper,	50	
W. W. Hobbs. "	1 00	
J. F. Baker, for use of drills.	25	
R. Gove, street waste.	5 00	
R. Gove, labor on Gove's Point,	14 00	
Charles Carter, for drawing loam,	21 48	
	<hr/>	\$2,392 39

PAID OUT AS PER VOUCHERS.

Cash paid Aaron Connor, for labor,	492 74
George H. Edwards, for labor,	235 20
Lyman Dippy. " "	219 45
Joseph Tetro. " "	180 00
Heber Tetro. " "	53 25
W. F. Burleigh. " "	73 20
C. T. Weeks. " "	15 00
Luck Noel. " "	27 00
L. Lacroche " "	20 25

Cash paid A. Gignor,	for labor,	\$7 50
Patrick Trainer,	" "	13 50
A. Grant,	" "	6 00
C. W. Balch,	" "	4 50
Aaron Webster,	" "	3 00
C. Woodburn,	" "	25
John Coyer,	" "	30
A. J. Hart,	" "	25
F. A. Durrell,	" "	25
H. H. Eastman,	" "	1 00
John Nichols, for grade,		16 00
Laconia Car Co., for grade etc.		48 87
Gilford Hosiery Co.,	" "	5 10
W. H. Jewett,	" "	3 10
Gardner Cook,	" "	4 50
Charles Carter,	" "	25 00
Marshall Bros., for use of team.		61 67
John Edwards, for grade,		70
R. Gove, amount of highway tax,		24 69
Charles Carter, for curb store,		6 48
John Edwards, for use of bus,		1 00
D. O. Burleigh, for labor,		410 00
Rowe & Keasor, allowance on highway tax,		9 60
		————— \$1,969 35

BREAKING ROADS.

Cash paid Aaron Connor,	\$102 00
George H. Edwards,	33 90
L. Dippy,	17 70
W. F. Burleigh,	9 30
A. Dippy,	2 10
Jerry Merchant,	11 25
J. Truche,	1 50
H. Tetro,	10 05
J. Tetro,	8 10
J. H. Pickering,	4 35
James Stone,	1 20
E. P. Plummer,	1 80
Frank Merchant,	5 85
H. Garrant	5 85

Cash paid W. Garrant,	\$2 25
David Edwards,	10 95
D. O. Burleigh,	45 00
C. B. S. Watson,	55 98
John Nichols,	35 56
A. M. Thyng,	8 10
J. C. Ladd,	12 75
Lewis S. Perley,	37 50
	423 04
	\$2,392 39

LACONIA, N. H., March 2, 1883.

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JOHN W. ASHMAN, }
C. W. TYLER, } Auditors.

Inventory of tools owned by highway district No. 1, March 1, 1883:

1 two horse sled.	15 stone drills,
1 iron roller,	1 pair pruning shears,
4 snow scrapers,	4 grub hoes,
1 harrow,	4 picks,
1 stone drag,	1 plough,
Plank for 1 stone drag,	1 steel bar,
5 chains	5 stone hammers,
20 steel shovels,	2 dirt scrapers, .
2 steel rakes,	2 wheelbarrows,
1 ice crusher,	1 concrete roller,
3 gravel screens,	1 concrete heater,
1 bush scythe,	1 hand saw,
1 four-tined fork,	1 steel square,
3 hoes,	1 bit stock,
1 nail hammer,	1 set bits,
1 axe,	1 spirit level,
1 jack plane,	1 scythe and snath,
1 tape line,	1 2-inch chisel,
2 iron concrete kettles,	1 writing desk,
2 lamps.	6 wooden snow shovels.

D. O. BURLEIGH, Agent.

Public Library.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF LACONIA:

The Trustees of the Public Library present the following report:

The Library contains 3,371 volumes, classified as follows:

Juvenile.	438
Fiction.	1,046
History.	327
Travels and Descriptive.	217
Biography.	171
Miscellaneous and Complete Works.	337
Educational and Scientific.	231
Poetry and drama.	78
Religious.	136
Reference.	65
Public Documents.	322
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	3,371

During the year 447 volumes have been purchased. 273 volumes have been donated.

Whole number of cards issued.	2,125
Number issued during the year.	287
Greatest number of books taken out any day.	404
Average number taken each day.	208
Greatest number out at any time.	702
Average number out.	477
Total number taken during the year.	21,842

Of these the average taken each day has been as follows:

Juvenile,	36
Fiction,	122
Historical, Travels and Biography,	19
Miscellaneous and Complete,	13
Educational, Scientific and Religious.	14

Donations have been made as follows:

George H. Tilton, 2 vols., Mrs. O. A. J. Vaughan, 1 vol., "Mirth a Washington Society," by Miss H. Gale, 11 vols., Hon. E. H. Rollins, Hon. H. W. Blair, Hon. J. G. Hall, 45 vols. Public Documents.

218 volumes, to the value of \$520.20 have been purchased with the Mrs. Eliza F. Evans fund. The B. P. Gale fund of \$1,000 has been deposited with the Treasurer, and the books are now being selected and will soon be in the Library.

In addition to the above donations it is understood by the Trustees that the late Mrs. Helen T. Avery by will bequeathed \$1,000 to the Library, the income of which is to be devoted to the purchase of books annually.

All of the above books, as well as others which may be donated in the future will be appropriately labelled showing the sources from whence they were derived.

The Trustees feel under great obligations to those who have thus made the Library an object of such special consideration.

A report of the financial condition of the Library is appended.

JOHN T. BUSIEL,	}	Trustees.
D. S. DINSMOOR,		
JAMES H. TILTON,		
CHARLES F. PITMAN,		
Wm. F. KNIGHT,		
J. W. ASHMAN,		

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACCOUNT WITH D. S. DINSMOOR,
TREASURER.

CREDIT.

By cash in treasury March, '82.	\$42 40
appropriation.	1,000 00
Eliza F. Evans, legacy,	520 20
Fines paid.	42 29
Book sold.	66
Books sold.	2 14
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	\$1,607 69

DEBIT.

To paid Trnland Bros., printing,	\$6 75
E. B. Beaman, binding.	58 11

To paid Truland Bros., printing.	\$8 50
A. G. Folsom, rent,	100 00
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing,	10 00
Geo. B. Lane, services,	12 00
H. C. Dimond & Co., stamp,	7 00
G. Cook & Son, book cases.	10 00
J. W. Ashman, services and expenses to Boston,	6 10
Wm. F. Chase, do.,	8 60
E. P. Jewell, books and do.,	35 15
Laconia Gas Co., gas,	18 00
A. C. Leavitt & Son, wood,	3 87
B. C. & M. Railrod, freight,	3 23
W. L. Melcher & Co., insurance,	20 00
M. T. Runnels, books,	5 00
E. Jennie Harwood, books,	3 75
J. N. McClintonck, "	2 00
C. W. Kelsea, "	3 00
N. J. Bartlett & Co., "	38 00
Estes & Lauriat, (Evan's legacy.) books,	520 20
" " books.	399 96
Librarian, salary,	125 00
Sundry items by librarian,	1 92
G. Cook & Son, wood,	3 00
Wiggin & Co., wood,	9 75
F. W. Reeves, services,	2 00
Cash in treasury.	188 80
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D. S. DINSMOOR, Treasurer.

LACONIA, March 2, 4883.

We have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN W. ASHMAN,
C. W. TYLER, }
 } Auditors.

School Report.

I herewith submit the report of the schools in District No. 1, for the year ending March 1, 1883, as made by the Board of Education:

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF LACONIA:

The Board of Education for School District No. 1 herewith submit their eighth annual report.

There are nine schools in this district, viz.: The High School, kept at the Academy building up stairs; the South Grammar, on the first floor of the same building; the North Grammar, at the north brick schoolhouse, also the North Intermediate, North First and Second Primaries in the same; the South Intermediate, South First and Second Primaries, in the south brick schoolhouse. The course of studies has been the same as last year. The spring term of the High School was taught by Miss Josephine A. Robinson, the fall and winter terms by Miss Helen W. Poor. The spring term in the South Grammar was taught by Miss Belle F. Small; the fall term was commenced by Miss Harriet L. Mason, who, on account of ill health, had to leave after keeping four and one-half days; her place was supplied (without any break in the school) by Mrs. Alice F. Durgin, who taught the fall and winter terms. The spring and summer terms of the North Grammar were taught by Miss Julia M. Robinson, and the winter term by Miss Annie M. Howe. The other schools have been taught during the year as follows: South Intermediate by Miss Annie E. Trafton, South First Primary by Miss Alice M. Nelson, South Second Primary by Miss Florence I. Goodspeed, North Intermediate by Miss Hattie H. Philbrick, North First Primary by Miss Hattie F. Greeley, North Second Primary by Miss Sarah D. Knowlton. The schools during the spring term were under the general supervision of Miss Mary Ella Rowe, the fall and winter terms under John G. Jewett.

At the commencement of the fall term, which is really the first term of our school year, there being but five or six scholars to form A classes in the Grammar schools, it was thought best to bring them together into one school, and the North Grammar being the smaller school they all

ttended there during the fall term, and at the South Grammar during the winter term. A few scholars in the B class are endeavoring by hard study to prepare themselves to enter the High School at the commencement of the next fall term. The graded system is thought by some to be a hindrance to scholars of more than ordinary capacity. It may have that tendency if strictly adhered to, but we do not wish by any means to retard the progress of those who have the ability and disposition to advance more rapidly than is indicated by the course laid down, which is perhaps long enough for the average pupil of average ambition. While we are willing to promote those who can pass the examination required, we would not advise any promotions except for real merit, believing promotions without good grounds to be injurious to the schools, and especially to the parties promoted. We regret the necessity of having to make frequent changes in teachers from any cause, as we believe the continuous labor of good teachers in the same school is advantageous to the best interests of our schools, as thereby no time is lost in becoming acquainted with the scholars, with the course of studies, and with the general course pursued. We are glad to be able to say that there will be no change of teachers for the spring term.

The examinations, at the close of the several terms during the year, have been in a good degree satisfactory, and have reflected credit upon both teachers and pupils. They have shown a decided advancement in the studies pursued. There has been a very marked improvement, in the lower or primary grades, in penmanship, as also in some of the higher schools. We believe the course especially taken for the past five years, in the primary schools, of allowing small children to work at the blackboards, writing their own names and short copies set by the teacher, also in making figures and drawing from pictures which they find in their books, or from designs placed upon the boards by the teacher, to be very beneficial. It changes their position and gives them rest, while at the same time they are becoming familiar with the forms of the letters and figures, and learn their combinations in forming words and expressing numbers. We notice some of the children in the primary schools write a remarkably neat and even hand that would be a credit to pupils of a more advanced age. This is encouraging to all, and if they continue through all the grades of our schools they will be well fitted for all ordinary pursuits in life. In some of the schools map-drawing has been taught, and we have noticed some very fine drawings upon the blackboards, of different countries, exhibiting a degree of taste,

accuracy and neatness very commendable to both instructors and pupils. We believe there is no better way to fix in the minds of scholars the general outlines of the different countries, with the location of their principal features such as mountains, rivers, cities and towns, than by drawing maps and marking their respective locations.

We feel that there is one branch of education to which more attention should be given, and that is vocal music, which is as much neglected in our schools as in the village generally. We cannot expect of our teachers that they should be competent teachers of music, as well as of the ordinary branches taught in our schools. There should be a teacher that makes this branch a specialty, to give instructions commencing with the rudiments, spending a specified time in each school every week. We think that it would be a profitable investment of a little money and would add much to the interest of our schools, and be very beneficial.

There is one matter that we regret to have occasion to mention. There has been some complaint in regard to one of our schools, some of the pupils claiming that they did not like the teacher, and especial pains have been taken to ascertain, if possible, the cause, if any existed, of the dislike, and no valid reasons have been given. Now we attribute this state of things to several causes, for none of which the teacher seems to be responsible. It will sometimes happen, from one cause or another, that a vacancy occurs in our list of teachers, and some one must be procured to take the place. It may be that the former teacher has been a favorite of the pupils, and perhaps one that has had favorites among them, which will always cause trouble in the end, especially if it is an open favoritism. The pupils have a right to lament the loss of a teacher to whom they have become attached, and we would not deprive them of this right if we could, but that should be no cause for a demonstration of dislike towards the one who takes her place, as she is in no way responsible for the vacancy, and if she is faithful and impartial in the performance of her duties she should have the respect, at least, of her pupils. Simple justice demands this, and the common good of all demands it also. We think that in all such cases parents should act with great caution, and consider well the whole matter before allowing themselves to indicate in any way that the teacher is at fault; great injustice may sometimes be done by an unguarded word, or by a too hasty conclusion. The pupils in our schools generally are not mature men and women, and are apt to be outspoken in regard to their likes and dislikes; it is not in their nature to like to be curbed in their desires, and teachers who require a wholesome obedience will perhaps, at first,

incur the displeasure of their pupils, but without it our schools will fall far short of what they should be; but "a word to the wise" is said to be sufficient.

The whole number of different scholars attending the public schools of the district two weeks or more during the year has been 531, of whom 258 were boys and 273 were girls. Of those reported 30 were under 6 years of age, and 20 were over 16. The whole number of children in the district between 5 and 15 years old, as enumerated by the selectmen last April, was 602, of whom 292 were boys and 310 girls.

The number of scholars who have been on the roll of honor each term during the year, of each school, is shown by the following table:

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
High School.	1	6	3
North Grammar.	19	14	19
South Grammar.	3	5	13
South Intermediate.	7	10	7
North Intermediate.	25	18	18
North First Primary.	13	17	12
South First Primary.	9	10	14
South Second Primary.	4	9	10
North Second Primary.	19	26	12

C. F. STONE,
GEO. L. MEAD,
N. L. TRUE,
JOHN G. JEWETT,
D. B. NELSON,
JOHN W. ASHMAN,

} Board
of
Education.

I also submit the following report, with statistical table annexed, furnishing the information required by law in regard to the schools. The schools in Districts Nos. 3, 4 and 5 compare favorably with past years, very good progress having been made notwithstanding the too frequent change of teachers. This cannot be avoided in some instances, but where it is possible the same teacher should be employed through the year. Scholars generally succeed and make more improvement in charge of the same teacher for a number of terms. Of course none but the best of teachers should be employed. Earnestness and ability to govern are most essential qualities for a successful teacher. District No. 5: The summer term, taught by Miss Venie Welch, made good improvement. Fall term taught by Miss Susie E. Noyes, an earnest

and efficient teacher. Winter term, Miss Venie Welch began the school, but on account of sickness was obliged to leave, and her place was filled by Miss Olive M. Bennett. Summer term in District No. 4 was taught by Mrs. Eliza D. Morrison. Fall term taught by Mrs. Carrie Moore with good success. Winter term taught by Warren Doolittle, a good teacher. District No. 3, summer and fall terms were taught by J. Annie Robinson, a very successful teacher, and also Miss Lucy A. Berry, who taught the winter term.

The whole number of children between the ages of 5 and 15 years in the town, as enumerated by the selectmen last April, was 660, of whom 320 were boys and 340 were girls.

LYDIA A. WARNER, School Committee.

March 1, 1883.

Statistical Table.

GRADED SCHOOLS.—DISTRICT NO. 1.

Term.	Grade of School	Name of Teacher.	Wages per month.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of pupils.	Average attendance.	No. of pupils attending to the following studies.								
							Reading	Spelling	Pennance hips	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Composition	Drawing
Spring	High.....	Mary E. Rowe.....	\$40	48	12 19 17 10 10 10 15 .. 10 .. 6 19										
	North Grammar.....	Josephine A. Robinson.....	40	10 11 39 37 39 39 39 39 25 30 12 39											
	South Grammar.....	Belle F. Small.....	40	11 35 29 35 35 35 35 18 55 17 35											
	No. Intermediate.....	Hattie H. Philbrick.....	36	11 46 45 46 46 46 46 46 46 21 .. 46 ..											
	No. Intermediate.....	Annie E. Trafton.....	36	12 47 46 47 47 47 47 47 47 25 .. 47 ..											
	No. 1st Primary.....	Hattie F. Greeley.....	36	10 14 43 44 44 44 44 44 44											
	No. 2nd Primary.....	Sarah D. Knowlton,..	36	10 53 48 53 53											
	No. 1st Primary,..	Alice M. Nelson.....	36	10 43 39 43 43 43 43											43
	No. 2nd Primary.....	Florence L. Goodspeed.....	36	12 65 56 65 65 65 14											65
	High.....	Helen W. Poor.....	48	12 35 32											
Fall	No. Grammar,..	Julia M. Robinson.....	40	11 38 36 38 38 38 38 21 38 14 38											
	No. Grammar,..	Alice F. Durgin.....	40	11 38 36 38 38 38 38 21 38 18 28											
	No. Intermediate.....	Hattie H. Philbrick.....	36	11 53 51 53 53 53 53 53 16 .. 53 53 53											
	No. Intermediate.....	Annie E. Trafton.....	36	11 36 31 36 36 34 36 36 9 .. 36 ..											
	No. 1st Primary.....	Hattie F. Greeley.....	36	10 38 55 38 38 38 38 12											
	No. 2nd Primary.....	Sarah D. Knowlton,..	36	10 54 51 54 54 .. 13											
	No. 1st Primary,..	Alice M. Nelson,.....	36	10 42 40 42 42 42 42 42 42											42
	No. 2nd Primary,..	Florence L. Goodspeed.....	36	10 50 47 50 50 50											50
	High.....	Helen W. Poor.....	48	12 34 33											
	No. Grammar,..	Annie M. Howe.....	40	11 29 29 29 29 29 29 29 12 29 19 ..											
Winter	No. Grammar,..	Alice F. Durgin.....	40	11 44 42 44 41 44 44 21 44 18 44											
	No. Intermediate.....	Hattie H. Philbrick.....	36	11 55 54 55 55 55 55 55 6 .. 55 55 55											
	No. Intermediate.....	Annie E. Trafton.....	36	11 35 33 35 35 35 35 35 10 .. 35 ..											
	No. 1st Primary,..	Hattie F. Greeley.....	36	10 53 52 33 33 33 33 11											
	No. 2nd Primary.....	Sarah D. Knowlton,..	35	10 41 42 41 11 .. 13											
	No. 1st Primary,..	Alice M. Nelson,.....	36	10 44 43 44 44 44 44 44											44
	No. 2nd Primary,..	Florence L. Goodspeed.....	36	10 49 33 3 .. 3 43											43

John G. Jewett, Supt. Fall and Winter Terms; wages per month, \$40.

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Dist.	Term.	Name of Teacher.													
3	Summer,..	J. Annie Robinson,..	\$26	9 25 22 25 25 18 21 13 10 ..											5
	Fall.....	"	28	12 22 20 22 22 16 19 15 10 ..											7
4	Winter.....	Lucy A. Berry.....	32	13 20 16 20 20 .. 3 18 14 7 ..											9
	Summer,..	Eliza D. Morrison,..	30	10 25 23 25 25 26 19 10 4 .. 3 ..											1
5	Fall.....	Carrie Moore,.....	30	10 27 27 27 27 19 19 16 3 .. 2 ..											1
	Winter.....	Warren Doedle,.....	30	7 29 27 29 29 8 22 12 3 .. 3 ..											2
5	Summer,..	Venie E. Welch,.....	29	8 13 10 13 13 10 10 6 4 .. 1 ..											2
	Fall.....	Susie E. Noyes,.....	24	8 16 14 16 16 12 16 9 8											3
5	Winter.....	Venie E. Welch and Olive M. Bennett,..	26	19 17 17 17 8 17 11 6											2
			30											

*In the High School, at different terms, those studying the higher branches were as follows: Latin, 9; Physiology, 30; Book-keeping, 10; Algebra, 31; Geometry, 15; Philosophy, 21; Chemistry, 16; Astronomy, 4; Natural History, 10; Physical Geography, 8; Civil Government, 1; Rhetoric, 1.



